WHEREAS, The credit union movement is now in its second century of service; and,

WHEREAS, Credit union members throughout the world will celebrate Credit Union Week during October 16-22, 1977; and,

WHEREAS, Credit unions are part of a truly international movement, and members of credit unions will be observing the entire mouth of October as Credit Union Month; and,

WHEREAS, Credit unions provide an invaluable means whereby consumers may pool their savings, and assist themselves to fill their needs for credit at a low cost; and,

WHEREAS, Credit unions have proven an effective and versatile tool for combating usury, unfair credit practices, educating consumers, and encouraging thrift; and,

WHEREAS, These credit unions not only promote the economic security of their members, but also strengthen democracy, promote consumer education, encourage individual responsibility and the practice of true brotherhood and thus benefit our entire community:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIF, Governor of the State of South Dakots, do hereby proclaim October 16-22, 1977, as

CREDIT UNION WEEK

in South Dakota and urge our people to give fitting recognition of this time to the many benefits brought to them through credit unions

and I further proclaim the month of October, 1977, as

CREDIT UNION MONTH

in South Dakota and I urge our people to give fitting recognition at this time to the many benefits brought to men of all nations through credit unions and I extend to the leaders and members of the credit unions my greetings, congratulations and sincere wishes for continued success in serving their fellowmen.

the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Seven

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